

allow'd at home on the produce & manufactory of this province, this memorial I hear was put upon file where tis like to remain, the inhabitants having heard nothing of it since. I am very confident that if one half the money which is lavish'd away on gentlemen of the military order, under colour of their being overseers of the works, foremen, sub-engineers, &c. I say, if one half the money so squander'd was applied in giving bounties, that alone in the space of two years would put this now declining colony into respectable circumstances."

" I am really discouraged when I reflect on the melancholy circumstances of this poor colony, you know my dear friend that as my interest is very large here, it must be matter of great grief to see the settlement daily declining ; the want of a proper civil government being established here, seems to be the universal complaint, the arbitrary measures made use of by military men in civil employments, has drove multitudes of useful and valuable settlers out of the province : the little trade we had is almost banish'd. Indeed it is a very just observation made by a great man long ago, that trade could never thrive and flourish under a military government : could I collect my debts and close my affairs so as to leave the place without a very great loss,